

# Utah Board of Juvenile Justice

## Meeting Notes

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, Jan.27, 2006	<b>Time:</b>	8:00 – 10:30 am	<b>Place:</b>	Salt Lake Neighborhood Housing Services
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<b>Members Present</b>	Gary Anderson, Pat Berckman, Judge Brown, Andria Burton, Gary Dalton, Michael Di Reda, Maria Garciaz, Tonia Hashimoto, Max Jackson, Holly Martak, Carol Page, Fred Peake
<b>Members Excused</b>	Adam Cohen, Gini Highfield, Jennifer Jolley, Huy D. Nguyen, Russ Van Vleet
<b>Staff &amp; Visitors</b>	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Michelle Moskos
<b>Absent</b>	Natalie Thornley, Lonnie Thomas, Paul Tsosie

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Welcome and Chair's Report</b>
Notes:	<p>Fred Peake welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Max Jackson reported on the OJJDP Annual Conference. The classes were good, especially the one on fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. It is said that of all the substances a mother can use while pregnant, alcohol is the worst. Children that suffer from this disorder do not learn by consequence and have the same problems over and over again and that the problem is not fixable. These children think very literally and will even confess to things they didn't do because of their overriding desire to please others. Another interesting class was a study on young females involved in consensual statutory rape relationships. Findings indicate compared to young girls involved in sexual relationships with boys more their age, those involved in a statutory situation have higher incidence of problems. There was a class on children being exploited on the internet which is a huge problem. The new X-box Live (an online game) is a new tool for predators. Another excellent presentation was on school bullying.</p> <p>Reg spoke about two sessions he attended that were very good. One spoke to juvenile legal representation. The American Council on Chief Defenders and National Juvenile Defender's Center has been assessing the states on how well kids are represented and found out what we know, that kids are not represented very well, when they are represented at all. They identified ten core principles for providing quality delinquency representation through indigent defense delivery systems:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Upholds juvenile's right to counsel throughout the delinquency process and recognizes the need for zealous representation to protect children.</li> <li>2. Recognizes that legal representation of children is a specialized area of the law.</li> <li>3. Supports quality juvenile delinquency representation through personnel and resource parity.</li> <li>4. Utilizes expert and ancillary services to provide quality juvenile defense services.</li> <li>5. Supervises attorneys and staff and monitors work and caseloads.</li> <li>6. Supervises and systematically reviews juvenile defense team staff for quality according to National, State and/or Local performance guidelines or standards.</li> <li>7. Provides and supports comprehensive, ongoing training and education for all attorneys and support staff involved in the representation of children.</li> <li>8. Has an obligation to present independent treatment and disposition alternatives to the court.</li> <li>9. Advocates for the educational needs of clients.</li> <li>10. Must promote fairness and equity for children.</li> </ol> <p>The other presentation Reg attended was called Deviant Peer Contagion. What is the most common response to delinquency or misbehavior? You separate them and pull them out. Studies show that if you have kids that are early on in delinquency and are placed with older or more sophisticated</p>

	<p>delinquents, they will adopt new and more serious behaviors quickly. To separate is okay, but it must be done properly with constant monitoring, positive reward structure and leave little time for unstructured activity.</p> <p>Gary Anderson reported on the Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) last month in San Antonio. They are still having difficulties with OJJDP and Robert Flores. They have started to adopt some resolutions where OJJDP protects some of our formula funding.</p>
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<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Youth Suicide Study Report – Michelle Moskos, PhD</b>
Notes:	<p>Since 1994, the Utah Youth Suicide Study (UYSS) conducted ongoing research efforts to study the causes of youth suicide. 2001 data indicates that sixty three percent of suicide completers have involvement with the Juvenile Court System in the year preceding death, rather than schools (social isolation). Suicide risk for Utah youth increases five fold for probation offenders with eight or more offenses. Stigma is the biggest barrier to getting mental health help. Youth in the treatment group spent more time with family and improved (long-term) family relationships as opposed to youth with mental health problems in the existing service delivery system who spent more time in corrections and detention. The UYSS recently applied for federal grant funding (Garrett Lee Smith monies) and were denied. At the same time, UYSS was asked to present their model, so we know the model is good. UYSS will reapply on April 1, 2006.</p>

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Title II Three Year Plan Update – Reg Garff</b>
Notes:	<p>Every year we have to submit for federal dollars and every three years we have to submit a three year plan, which states how we are going to spend our dollars for the next three years. They require us to prepare a data analysis and description of the system. We will be working with U of U student Gaia Rindflesh, who has been putting together assessments. The application will go out the end of March. Reg is also working on the JABG application due the end of February.</p>

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Committee Reports</b>
Notes:	<p><b>Pre-Adjudicated Committee</b> – Pat Berckman -- Pat spoke briefly about the Troubled Youth Conference and requested funding for this year's conference. Gary Anderson made the <b>motion</b> to fund at \$4,000. Mike Di Reda <b>seconded</b> the motion and it <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>Post-Adjudicated Committee</b> – Adam Cohen, nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Title V Committee</b> – Carol Page</p> <p>Carol discussed the following legislative bills on which UBJJ is taking a position.</p> <p><b>SB 19</b> Amendments to Indoor Clean Air Act – Committee feels it is beyond our scope.</p> <p><b>HB 220S01</b> Child Protection – Gang Association – Committee decided the bill is too broad and oppose.</p> <p><b>HB 10</b> Domestic Violence and Dating Violence Amendments – We support.</p> <p><b>HB 14</b> Open Meetings Law Amendments – Beyond our scope.</p> <p><b>HB 16</b> Revisions to Open and Public Meetings Law – Beyond our scope.</p> <p><b>HB 21</b> Child Welfare Revisions – Support.</p> <p><b>HB 25</b> Child Welfare – Licensing and Management Information Systems - Wait to see what the amended bill looks like.</p> <p><b>HB 61</b> Criminal Penalty for Animal Cruelty – We have a hold on this one because of the definition of torture, which could be quite broad.</p> <p><b>HB 30</b> Emancipation of a Minor – We support</p> <p><b>HB 254</b> Child Care Licensing Restrictions – Oppose unless they tighten the language on “criminal record”. We wouldn't want to exclude someone for traffic tickets and that kind of thing.</p> <p><b>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing</b> – Andria Burton – We are still planning on April 28 for the awards luncheon. Still working on VIP judges. Accepting essays till February 1<sup>st</sup>. The Jazz Bear</p>

	<p>may be one of the judges and Mike De Reda says he will be able to get an Olympic Bobsledder onboard. We still wait for word from the Governor and First Lady.</p> <p><b>DMC</b> – Mike Di Reda, the DMC Committee will meet today directly following this meeting.</p>
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<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Juvenile Justice Specialist Report – Reg Garff</b>
Notes:	<p>David Doi is no longer the Executive Director of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice. A national search is underway to replace him.</p> <p>A number of board members' terms will expire next month. Willard Malmstrom has resigned because he is now serving a mission for the LDS Church. The following terms will expire are eligible for reappointment: Pat Berckman, Huy Nguyen, Fred Peake. Also, the terms of Gary Dalton (13 years), Jennifer Jolley (12 years) and Russ Van Vleet (13 years) will expire. Unfortunately, they are not eligible for reappointment. They have been tremendous leaders. Their input and advice will be greatly missed.</p> <p>We need to fill those spots and are looking for youth members between 18 and 20 years old. We would like to get the Deputy Director of JJS, Gaby Anderson to replace Gary Dalton.</p> <p>Reg, Carol Page and Michele Christiansen have had meetings with Utah's Senators and Congressmen. Senator Bennett agreed to pull support on the gang bill. Senator Hatch expressed great concern and assigned staff members to work with us.</p>

**The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 24, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.**  
**Salt Lake County Youth Services, 177 W. Price Ave (3610 S. West Temple St.)**  
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